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Office of Scientific Intelligence

0900-1000 Applied Science Branch
1000-1200 Operations Staff
1300-1600 Briefing, 2030 "I" Building

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5. On leaving the Applied Science Branch, McGruder stated, "I'm going to have to come back and spend some more time here", indicating he was not convinced of the necessity for this phase of OSI's efforts.

6. In the Operations Staff, Colonel Miller had a great deal of trouble determining the purpose of this operation. He rationalized its primary function as source and project development, under National Security Council and Agency direction. McGruder wondered if many of the missions engaged in by Operations Staff were not correctly allocated. "Couldn't you perform the same type of thing by having AD/SI appoint an ad hoc committee as problems arise, and not function as a permanent committee?"

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